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SUBJECT: POLES SENTENCED FOR ESPIONAGE

1. THE POLISH MILITARY DAILY "ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI" OF JANUARY 26, 1977, CARRIED AN ARTICLE ABOUT A RECENT TRIAL IN KATOWICE OF FOUR PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY SPIED FOR "ONE OF THE NATO COUNTRIES." THE DEFENDENTS, IRENA AND KAROL BOBER, AND ROMNAIIA AND ANATOL SZULSKI, ALL RECIEVED PRISON SENTENCES OF FROM EIGHT TO FOURTEEN YEARS. THE BOBERS WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN RECRUITED AS SPIES IN 1971 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHILE TRAVELLING IN WESTERN EUROPE. THE BOBERS THEN RECRUITED THE SZULSKIS IN POLAND. THE NAME OF THE "NATO COUNTRY" FOR WHICH THEY WERE WORKING IS NOT GIVEN.

2. COMMENTING ON THE RECRUITMENT OF THE BOBERS, THE AUTHOR STATES THAT POLAND FAVORS INCREASED TOURISM INCLUDING VISITS OF FOREIGNERS TO POLAND AND TRAVEL OF POLISH

CITIZENS ABROAD. POLAND HAS FOR SOME TIME " . . . TAKEN
THE POSITION THAT TOURISM CAN AND MUST SERVE THE IDEA OF
BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE AND BRINGING NATIONS
CLOSER TOGETHER," AS WELL AS THE CAUSE OF PEACE. "THE
KATOWICE TRIAL . . . PROVES, HOWEVER, THAT,IN MATTERS
OF THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND PEOPLE, NOT ALL THE GOVERNMENTS
OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ACCEPT THE SAME POINT OF VIEW AS
POLAND . . . THERE ARE IN EUROPE COLD-WAR FORCES . . .
WHICH USE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HELSINKI THIRD BASKET
IN A WAY WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SPIRIT OF CSCE
AND ITS FINAL ACT."
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